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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD'S ASCENSION

*Agnus Dei
from
plainsong
Mass II*



K COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Data est mihi omnis potestas in caelo et in terra, alleluia: euntes, docete omnes gentes, baptizantes eos in nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, alleluia, alleluia.

All power has been given to Me in heaven and on earth, alleluia; go therefore and teach all the nations, baptizing them in their name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Motet "Viri Galilaei" by Dulos Couillart (early 16th Century)

"Men of Galilee, why are you standing there in wonderment gazing up into Heaven? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into Heaven, shall come again the same way"

L POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui in terra constitutos divina tractare concedis, præsta, quæsumus, ut illuc tendat christianæ devotionis affectus, quo tecum est nostra substantia. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Almighty, eternal God, who dost allow us to share in the gifts of heaven whilst we are still on earth; Grant, we pray Thee that the affection of our devotion in Christ may rise up to heaven where our humanity is glorified with Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Organ Voluntary: "Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn" (Today triumphs God's Son)
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**YOU ARE REMINDED THAT VESPERS AND BENEDICTION WILL BE SUNG
HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME BUT
PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK**

A INTROIT
 Viri Galilaei, quid
 a d m i r a m i n i
 aspicientes in caelum?
 alleluia: quemadmodum
 vidistis eum ascendentem
 in caelum, ita veniet,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Ps. Omnes gentes
 plaudite manibus: jubilate
 Deo in voce exsultationis.



*Men of Galilee, why are
 you g a z i n g i n
 astonishment at the sky?
 alleluia; just as you have
 seen Him ascend into
 heaven, so, in like
 manner, shall He return,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia. Ps. All nations
 clap your hands; shout to
 God with a voice of joy.*

Introductory rite - see Mass book page 3.

Kyrie & Gloria from "Miss brevis in D major. KV192 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

B COLLECT

Fac nos, omnipotens Deus, sanctis *Almighty God, make our hearts leap for*
 exsultare gaudiis, et pia gratiarum *holy joy in thanksgiving; for Thy Son's*
 actione lætari, quia Christi Filii tui ascensio *Ascension is our triumph; and as He, our*
 est nostra provectio, et quo processit gloria *Head, has gone before us in glory, we, His*
 capitis, eo spes vocatur et corporis. Per *members are called in hope to follow Him.*
 Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum... *Through our Lord Jesus Christ...for ever*
 sæcula sæculorum. Amen. *and ever. Amen.*

C First reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. It is he had said what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit. Now having met together, they asked him, Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel? He replied, It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D ALLELUIA PSALM *Alleluia. God has gone up amidst shouts of joy, Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et the Lord to the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia. Dominus in voce tubæ.*

E Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation. Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias**

F GOSPEL ALLELUIA Dominus in Sina in sancto, ascendens *Alleluia. The Lord is in Sinai, in the holy place, ascending on high, He has led Alleluia* captivam duxit captivitatem. Alleluia

G GOSPEL. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew At that time: The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

CREDO III—see Mass book page 27 or 28
At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this Easter Antiphon to Our Lady.

O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom thou wast made worthy to bear, alleluia, has risen as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Offertory Motet: "O Rex Gloriarum" by Luca Marenzio (1550-1599)

"O King of Glory, Lord of hosts, who hast this day mounted in triumph above all the heavens, leave us not orphans; but send unto us the Promise of the Father, the Spirit of truth. Alleluia.

6. **R** Egina caeli * laetare, alle-lu-ia : Qui-a quem me-
ru-isti portare, alle-lu-ia : Resurrexit, sic-ut dixit, alle-
lu-ia : Ora pro nobis De-um, alle-lu-ia.

H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS Sacrificium, Domine, pro Filii tui *O Lord, we who humbly offer Thee this supplices venerabili nunc ascensione Sacrifice in celebration of Thy Son's deferimus: praesta, quæsumus, ut his wonderful Ascension, pray Thee, that by commercii sacrosanctis ad caelestia this holy exchange of gifts, we may rise consurgamus. Per Christum Dominum with Him to heavenly life. Through the nostrum. Amen* same Christ our Lord. Amen.

J PREFACE Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et *It is truly meet and right and incumbent salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique upon us for our salvation that we should gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, always and everywhere give thanks to Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty omnipotens aeternae Deus: per Christum everlasting God, through Christ our Dominum nostrum.* Lord.

Qui post resurrectionem suam, omnibus *Who, after His resurrection, showed discipulis suis manifestus apparuit, et ipsis Himself openly to all His disciples and in cernentibus est elevatus in caelum, ut nos their sight ascended into heaven that He divinitatis suae tribueret esse participes.* might grant us to be partakers of His divinity.

Quapropter, profusis paschalibus gaudiis, *Wherefore, out of abounding Paschal totus in orbe terrarum mundus exultat. Sed joy, the whole world breaks into praise, et supernae virtutes atque angelicae and the heavenly spirits and angelic potestates hymnum gloriae tuae concinunt, powers likewise sing the praise of Thy sine fine dicentes: glory, saying evermore:*

Sanctus from plainsong Mass II

1. **S** An- ctus, * Sán- ctus, Sán- ctus Dó-
minus Dé- us Sába-oth. Pléni sunt caéli et tér- ra
gló- ri- a tú- a. Hosánna in excél- sis. Bene- dictus
qui vé- nit in nó- mine Dómini. Hosánna in
excél- sis.